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MEMORANDUM FOR: Headquarters

SUBJECT : PSI--Administrative
News Clipping of Interest

Attached, for Headquarters information, is a news clipping dated 7 January 1975 from the Chicago Daily News, entitled "2 CIA offices in Dirksen Bldg.".

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Location of 1 room a mystery 2 CIA offices in Dirksen Bldg.

By Charlotte Hunt

The Central Intelligence Agency, under fire for alleged spying inside the United States, has two offices here in the Dirksen Federal Building.

CIA spokesmen emphasize that both offices conduct "open and overt" business.

Despite this assurance that everything in Chicago is above board, only one of the offices can be found with some detective work while the location of the other office is a secret.

NEITHER THE CIA's employment office, located on the 16th floor, nor the agency's domestic contact division is listed on the building's directory in the lobby.

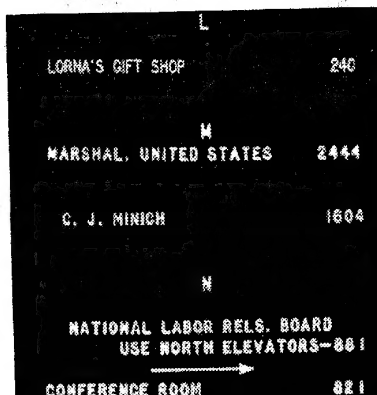
Persistence, however, will get a telephone number from the clerk in the lobby information booth.

That telephone number turns out to be the CIA's Midwest recruiter, whose office is located in a sparsely traveled corner on the 16th floor.

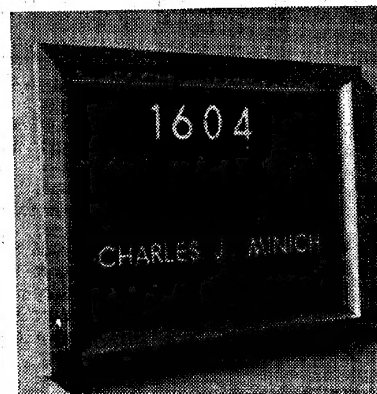
The only identification on that office is the nameplate of Charles J. Minich, who is listed on the building directory under the U.S. marshal.

In the local telephone book, the CIA lists two numbers, but only identify the employment number. The second number apparently belongs to the mysterious domestic contact division, which refuses to disclose its room number when called.

FURTHER questions are responded to with, "We're not



The name of the Central Intelligence Agency's Midwest recruiter, Charles J. Minich, is all that appears on the directory in the lobby of the Federal Building (left) and on a nameplate at his office on the 16th Floor.



authorized to give any statements to the press," and the caller is given another phone number for a man in Washington.

That man is Angus Thuermer, who explained the domestic contact division engages in a sort of debriefing of travelers to countries of interest to the CIA.

The traveler is asked in a person-to-person interview, "Would you be willing to tell your government" about the country visited? If the traveler agrees, he becomes a "protected source," and his name is not disclosed.

Thuermer insisted there is nothing sinister or secretive about the operation, but re-

fused to give the office's room number. Why?

"We just never have, and I don't intend to start today."

MINICH, THE recruiter whose job it is to explain the agency to prospective spies, said the CIA is "open and overt, not subversive," and that "most of our information

comes from public sources like newspapers."

As for alleged domestic spying by the CIA or a report that convicted Watergate burglar E. Howard Hunt once worked here at the agency's office, Minich would only recite from a blue handbook, which states in part:

"The Central Intelligence Agency does not confirm or deny published reports, whether true or false, favorable or unfavorable."

Further, Minich said, the agency is "not a secret organization, although some of the work we do is."

Then why is his 16th floor office door locked at all times? Why are the CIA room numbers unpublished? In separate interviews both Thuermer and Minich said:

"To discourage off-the-street walk-ins and crackpots."

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